

1948

*Official Reports*

***Bridgewater***

*New Hampshire*

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**For Year Ending December 31, 1948**



# ANNUAL REPORTS

— OF THE —

Selectmen, Clerk, Treasurer

Road Agents, School Board,

and Other Officials

— OF THE —

# Town of Bridgewater

— FOR THE —

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1948

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## **TOWN OFFICERS**

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### **Town Clerk**

ELIZABETH P. POLLARD

### **Selectmen**

HOLLIS L. POLLARD          EVERETT E. ATWOOD

LEE E. HORSMAN

### **Treasurer**

INA M. ATWOOD

### **Tax Collector**

EDWARD G. MELLUS

### **Road Agent**

JOHN L. JENNESS

### **Fire Warden**

EVERETT E. ATWOOD

### **Police Officer**

DELMORE BUCKLIN

### **Supervisors**

ELMER WISER

JANE COOK

MARIETTA GILPATRIC

### **Trustees of Trust Funds**

HARRY SMITH

JOSEPHINE FLETCHER

FRANCIS CLEMENT

### **Library Trustees**

EDNA L. LeBEAU

JESSICA WATROUS

JOSEPHINE FLETCHER

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bridgewater in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at The Grange Hall in said Bridgewater on Tuesday, the eighth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Selectman for 3 years and all other necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

2. To see if the Town will vote to determine the rate of pay for the Supervisors of Checklists, Ballot Clerks, Moderator and Police Officer.

3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for General Government, and appropriate same.

4. To see if the Town will adopt the Non-Partisan Ballot.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$343.28 for Class 5 Highways T. R. A., and the State will contribute \$1,373.11.

6. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the maintenance of Class 5 Highways and Bridges. (Town Roads).

7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Snow Removal and Winter Sand.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$72.00 for the Lakes Region Association.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26.00 for the Newfound Region Association.

10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Old Home Day.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 for Fire Protection.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for Old Age Assistance.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for Blister Rust Control.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15.00 for Memorial Day.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for a Town Dump.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for the Plymouth Hospital.

17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to reduce the general deficit.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30.00 for Libraries.

19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes and deliver inventory blanks when assessing.

20. To transact any further business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 19th day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-nine.

HOLLIS L. POLLARD,  
EVERETT E. ATWOOD,  
LEE E. HORSMAN,  
Selectmen of Bridgewater

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

HOLLIS L. POLLARD,  
EVERETT E. ATWOOD,  
LEE E. HORSMAN,  
Selectmen of Bridgewater

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

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| Description                            |             |
|--|-------------|
| Town Hall                              | \$ 1,200.00 |
| Furniture and Equipment                | 80.00       |
| Libraries and Equipment                | 200.00      |
| Fire Department                        | 300.00      |
| Highway Department equipment           | 4,000.00    |
| Schools, land, buildings and equipment | 3,200.00    |
|  | <hr/>       |
|  | \$ 8,980.00 |

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### Certificate

This is to certify that the information in this report was taken from the official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

HOLLIS L. POLLARD,

EVERETT E. ATWOOD,

LEE E. HORSMAN,

Selectmen of Bridgewater



## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

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Estimates of Revenues and Expenditures for the  
Ensuing Year January 1, 1949 to December 31, 1949  
Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenues, Ap-  
propriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year  
January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948.

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### Sources of Revenue

|  | Actual<br>1948     | Estimated<br>1949  |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>From State:</b>   |                    |                    |
| Interest and Dividends Tax \$  | 93.87              | \$ 93.36           |
| Railroad Tax   | 11.00              |                    |
| Savings Bank Tax   | 123.66             | 125.00             |
| <b>From Local Sources Except Taxes:</b>                              |                    |                    |
| Interest Received on Taxes<br>and Deposits                           | 97.72              | 20.00              |
| Income of Departments:<br>Highways, including rental<br>of equipment | 45.00              |                    |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees  | 566.07             | 350.00             |
| <b>From Local Taxes Other Than<br/>Property Taxes:</b>               |                    |                    |
| Poll Tax—Regular @ \$2   | 248.00             | 248.00             |
| <b>Total Revenues from all sources</b>                               |                    |                    |
| Except Property Taxes  | 1,174.43           | 836.36             |
| *Amt. to be raised by<br>Property Taxes                              | 20,393.21          | 20,303.17          |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>  | <b>\$21,567.64</b> | <b>\$21,139.53</b> |

\* Total estimated "Revenues from All sources except Property Taxes" deducted from Total estimated "Expenditures" should give estimated "Amount to be raised by Property Taxes."

## Purposes of Expenditures

|   | Actual<br>1948 | Estimated<br>1949 |
|---|----------------|-------------------|
| Current Maintenance Expenses:               |                |                   |
| <b>General Government:</b>                  |                |                   |
| Town Officers' Salaries                     | \$ 650.00      | \$ 650.00         |
| Town Officers' Expenses                     | 393.78         | 400.00            |
| Election and Registration Expenses          | 152.04         | 50.00             |
| Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Buildings | 96.50          | 150.00            |
| <b>Protection of Persons and Property:</b>  |                |                   |
| Police Department                           | 88.09          | 50.00             |
| Fire Department                             | 462.96         | 1,200.00          |
| Moth Extermination—Blister Rust             | 200.00         | 400.00            |
| <b>Health:</b>                              |                |                   |
| Health Dept., including hospitals           |                | 800.00            |
| Vital Statistics                            | 2.25           | 2.25              |
| Town Dump                                   |                | 100.00            |
| <b>Highways and Bridges:</b>                |                |                   |
| Town Maintenance: Summer                    | 5,040.58       | 4,000.00          |
| Winter                                      | 4,949.94       | 2,500.00          |
| Town Road Aid                               | 341.54         | 343.28            |
| <b>Libraries</b>                            | 90.00          | 30.00             |
| <b>Public Welfare:</b>                      |                |                   |
| Old Age Assistance                          | 501.92         | 600.00            |
| <b>Patriotic Purposes:</b>                  |                |                   |
| Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations     | 15.00          | 15.00             |
| <b>Recreation:</b>                          |                |                   |
| Old Home Day                                | 100.00         |                   |
| <b>Unclassified:</b>                        |                |                   |
| Refunds                                     | 19.40          |                   |
| Auto Permits                                | 71.00          | 70.00             |

|                                       |                    |                    |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Advertising and Regional Associations | 26.00              | 98.00              |
| <b>Interest:</b>                      |                    |                    |
| On Temporary Loans                    | 171.40             | 125.00             |
| <b>Highways and Bridges:</b>          |                    |                    |
| New Equipment                         | 1,000.00           |                    |
| <b>Payment on Principal of Debt:</b>  |                    |                    |
| Deficit of Previous Year              |                    | \$1,000.00         |
| <b>Payments to Other</b>              |                    |                    |
| <b>Governmental Divisions:</b>        |                    |                    |
| County Taxes                          | 1,695.24           | 1,750.00           |
| School Taxes                          | 5,500.00           | 6,806.00           |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>             | <b>\$21,567.64</b> | <b>\$21,139.53</b> |

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

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### INVENTORY

|                              |              |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Land and Buildings           | \$671,515.00 |
| Growing Wood and Timber      | 12,300.00    |
| Electric Plants              | 20,840.00    |
| Horses, 9                    | 735.00       |
| Oxen, 4                      | 550.00       |
| Cows, 49                     | 6,095.00     |
| Other Neat Stock, 6          | 575.00       |
| Sheep and Goats, 10          | 100.00       |
| Fowl, 80                     | 70.00        |
| Vehicles, 1                  | 800.00       |
| Portable Mills, 3            | 4,800.00     |
| Boats and Launches, 2        | 1,000.00     |
| Wood, lumber                 | 5,000.00     |
| Gasoline Pumps and Tanks     | 425.00       |
| Stock in Trade               | 5,025.00     |
|                              | <hr/>        |
| Total Valuation              | \$729,830.00 |
| Less Soldiers' Exemptions    | 9,100.00     |
|                              | <hr/>        |
|                              | \$720,730.00 |
|                              | <hr/>        |
| Taxes Committed to Collector | 19,635.90    |
| Added Taxes                  | 468.07       |
|                              | <hr/>        |
|                              | \$20,103.97  |

Average rate percent of taxation for all purposes 2.69

# Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1948

| Title of Account               | Liabilities Forwarded<br>From 1947 | Appropriations<br>1948 | Receipts and<br>Reimbursements | Total Amount<br>Available | Expenditures | Balances Unexpended | Balances Overdrawn | Assets Forwarded<br>to 1949 | Liabilities Forwarded<br>to 1949 |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Town Officer's Salaries        | \$                                 | \$ 1,300.00            |                                | \$ 1,300.00               | \$ 721.00)   | \$ 42.35            |                    | \$                          | \$                               |
| Town Officers' Expenses        |                                    |                        |                                |                           | 384.61)      |                     |                    |                             |                                  |
| Election & Registration        |                                    |                        |                                |                           | 152.04)      |                     |                    |                             |                                  |
| Town Hall & Buildings          |                                    | 300.00                 |                                | 300.00                    | 96.50        | 203.50              |                    |                             |                                  |
| Police Department              |                                    |                        |                                |                           | 88.09        |                     | 88.09              |                             |                                  |
| Fire Department & Forest Fires |                                    | 75.00                  | 5.05                           | 80.05                     | 462.96       |                     | 382.91             |                             |                                  |
| Blister Rust                   |                                    | 200.00                 |                                | 200.00                    | 200.00       |                     |                    |                             |                                  |
| Bounties                       |                                    |                        |                                |                           | 55.00        |                     |                    |                             |                                  |
| Health Department—Dump         |                                    | 100.00                 |                                | 100.00                    |              |                     |                    | 55.00                       | 100.00                           |
| Vital Statistics               |                                    |                        |                                |                           | 2.25         |                     | 2.25               |                             |                                  |
| Town Road Aid                  |                                    | 341.54                 |                                | 341.54                    | 341.54       |                     |                    |                             |                                  |



## Comparative Balance Sheets

| ASSETS                                |                   |                   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                       | December 31, 1947 | December 31, 1948 |
| Cash Balance,                         |                   |                   |
| Treasurer                             | \$ 1,335.63       | \$ 3,088.53       |
| Tax Collector                         | 30.97             | 36.32             |
| Bounties Due                          |                   |                   |
| From State                            | 62.00             | 55.00             |
| <i>Uncollected Taxes</i>              |                   |                   |
| Tax Levy of 1948                      |                   | 3,980.79          |
| Tax Levy of 1947                      | 3,180.12          |                   |
| Tax Levy of 1946                      | 10.00             |                   |
| Total Assets                          | 4,618.72          | 7,160.64          |
| Net Debt                              | 782.39            | 1,112.38          |
| Total Assets & Net Debt               | \$5,401.11        | \$ 8,273.02       |
| LIABILITIES                           |                   |                   |
| <i>Tax Anticipation Notes Payable</i> |                   |                   |
| New Equipment                         | \$ 1,000.00       |                   |
| General                               | 1,000.00          | \$ 4,500.00       |
| <i>Unexpended Appropriations</i>      |                   |                   |
| Town Dump                             |                   | 100.00            |
| Clearing Trees                        | 76.01             |                   |
| <i>Due School District</i>            |                   |                   |
| Appropriation                         | 3,136.10          | 3,403.19          |
| Dog Licenses                          | 90.00             | 173.83            |
| <i>Due State of New Hampshire</i>     |                   |                   |
| Special Poll Taxes                    |                   |                   |
| Collected                             | 96.00             | 96.00             |
| Due Town Clerk                        | 3.00              |                   |
| Total Liabilities                     | 5,401.11          | \$ 8,273.02       |
| Net Debt—12-31-48                     | \$1,112.38        |                   |
| Net Debt—12-31-47                     | 782.39            |                   |
| Increase in Net Debt                  | \$ 329.99         |                   |

# **Summary of Town Clerk's Accounts** **Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1948**

## **DEBITS**

### *Motor Vehicle Permits Issued*

|                          |    |                   |           |
|--------------------------|----|-------------------|-----------|
| 1946-47 Nos. 12265-12269 | \$ | 12.65             |           |
| 1947-48 Nos. 15651-15787 |    | 553.42            |           |
|                          |    | <u>          </u> | \$ 566.07 |

### *Dog Licenses Issued*

|                        |    |                   |           |
|------------------------|----|-------------------|-----------|
| Males, 41 at \$2.00    | \$ | 82.00             |           |
| Females, 4 at \$5.00   |    | 20.00             | 102.00    |
|                        |    | <u>          </u> |           |
| Less: 45 Fees at \$.20 |    | 9.00              |           |
|                        |    | <u>          </u> | 93.00     |
| Total                  |    |                   | \$ 659.07 |

## **CREDITS**

### *Remittances to Treasurer*

|                           |    |                   |           |
|---------------------------|----|-------------------|-----------|
| a/c Motor Vehicle Permits | \$ | 566.07            |           |
| a/c Dog Licenses          |    | 93.00             |           |
|                           |    | <u>          </u> |           |
| Total                     |    |                   | \$ 659.07 |



**Summary of Receipts and Expenditures and  
Proof of Treasurer's Balance  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1948**

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Balance on Hand—

|                                     |             |             |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| December 31, 1947                   | \$ 1,335.63 |             |
| Receipts During Year                | 35,493.94   |             |
|                                     | <hr/>       | \$36,829.57 |
| Expenditures During Year            |             | 33,741.04   |
|                                     |             | <hr/>       |
| Cash Book Balance—December 31, 1948 |             | \$ 3,088.53 |

**PROOF OF BALANCE**

|   |             |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Balance in The First National Bank<br>of Bristol as per Statement of<br>December 30, 1948 | \$ 4,723.07 |             |
| Less: Checks Outstanding  | 2,895.24    |             |
|   | <hr/>       | \$ 1,827.83 |
| Add: Deposit of January 4, 1949   | 1,033.96    |             |
| Cash in Hands of Treasurer<br>February 4, 1949  | 226.74      |             |
|   | <hr/>       | 1,260.70    |
|   |             | <hr/>       |
| Cash Book Balance—December 31, 1948   |             | \$ 3,088.53 |

**Edward G. Mellus—Tax Collector**  
**Tax Levy of 1946**  
**Summary of Warrant**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1948**

| DEBITS                |             |          |          |          |
|-----------------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|
|                       | Total       | Property | Polls    | Interest |
| Cash on Hand—         |             |          |          |          |
| December 31, 1947 \$  | 26.32 \$    | 25.87 \$ |          | \$ .45   |
| Uncollected Taxes—    |             |          |          |          |
| December 31, 1947     | 10.00       |          | 10.00    |          |
| Total                 | \$ 36.32 \$ | 25.87 \$ | 10.00 \$ | .45      |
| CREDITS               |             |          |          |          |
| Remittances to Treas. | —           | —        | —        | —        |
| Cash on Hand—         |             |          |          |          |
| December 31, 1948 \$  | 36.32 \$    | 25.87 \$ | 10.00 \$ | .45      |
| Total                 | \$ 36.32 \$ | 25.87 \$ | 10.00 \$ | .45      |

**Edward G. Mellus—Tax Collector**  
**Tax Levy of 1947**  
**Summary of Warrant**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1948**

| DEBITS                |             |             |          |          |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|----------|
|                       | Total       | Property    | Polls    | Interest |
| Uncollected Taxes—    |             |             |          |          |
| December 31, 1947     | \$ 3,180.12 | \$ 3,116.12 | \$ 64.00 | \$       |
| Interest Collected    | 97.72       |             |          | 97.72    |
| Total                 | \$ 3,277.84 | \$ 3,116.12 | \$ 64.00 | \$ 97.72 |
| CREDITS               |             |             |          |          |
| Remittances to Treas. | \$ 3,246.12 | \$ 3,084.40 | \$ 64.00 | \$ 97.72 |
| Abatements Allowed    | 31.72       | 31.72       |          |          |
| Total                 | \$ 3,277.84 | \$ 3,116.12 | \$ 64.00 | \$ 97.72 |

**Edward G. Mellus—Tax Collector**  
**Tax Levy of 1948**  
**Summary of Warrant**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1948**

| DEBITS                            |             |             |       |        |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------|--------|
|                                   | Total       | Property    | Polls |        |
| Taxes Committed to Collector      | \$19,635.90 | \$19,387.90 | \$    | 248.00 |
| Added Taxes During 1948           | 468.07      | 468.07      |       |        |
| Total                             | \$20,103.97 | \$19,855.97 | \$    | 248.00 |
| CREDITS                           |             |             |       |        |
| Remittances to Treasurer          | \$15,745.55 | \$15,547.55 | \$    | 198.00 |
| Abatements                        | 377.63      | 371.63      |       | 6.00   |
| Uncollected Taxes, Dec., 31, 1948 | 3,980.79    | 3,936.79    |       | 44.00  |
| Total                             | \$20,103.97 | \$19,855.97 | \$    | 248.00 |

# **Classified Summary of Receipts and Expenditures** **Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1948**

## **RECEIPTS**

### **Current Revenue: Local Taxes:**

|                   |                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Tax Levy of 1948: |                   |             |
| Property Taxes    | \$15,547.55       |             |
| Poll Taxes        | 198.00            |             |
|                   | <u>          </u> | \$15,745.55 |

|                   |                   |          |
|-------------------|-------------------|----------|
| Tax Levy of 1947: |                   |          |
| Property Taxes    | \$ 3,084.40       |          |
| Poll Taxes        | 64.00             |          |
| Interest          | 97.72             |          |
|                   | <u>          </u> | 3,246.12 |

|                   |                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Tax Levy of 1945: |                   |             |
| Property Taxes    |                   | 4.65        |
|                   | <u>          </u> | \$18,996.32 |

### **State of New Hampshire**

|                         |                   |           |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Interest & Dividend Tax | \$ 93.87          |           |
| Railroad Tax            | .11               |           |
| Savings Bank Tax        | 123.66            |           |
| Bounties                | 62.00             |           |
| Forest Fire             | 5.05              |           |
| Highway a/c             | 45.00             |           |
|                         | <u>          </u> | \$ 329.69 |

### **Local Sources, Except Taxes:**

|                                |                   |        |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|--------|
| Dog Licenses                   | \$ 93.00          |        |
| Registration of Motor Vehicles | 566.07            |        |
| Income From Departments:       |                   |        |
| Highway Department             | 8.86              |        |
|                                | <u>          </u> | 667.93 |

|                                |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Total Current Revenue Receipts | <u>\$19,993.94</u> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|

### **Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:**

|                                 |                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Temporary Loans                 | 15,500.00         |
|                                 | <u>          </u> |
| Total Receipts from all Sources | \$35,493.94       |
| Cash on Hand, December 31, 1947 | 1,335.63          |
|                                 | <u>          </u> |
| Grand Total                     | \$36,829.57       |

# Classified Summary of Receipts and Expenditures

## Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1948

### EXPENDITURES

#### *Current Maintenance Expenses*

##### *General Government*

|                         |    |        |             |
|-------------------------|----|--------|-------------|
| Town Officers' Salaries | \$ | 721.00 |             |
| Town Officers' Expenses |    | 384.61 |             |
| Election & Registration |    | 152.04 |             |
| Town Hall & Bldgs.      |    | 96.50  |             |
|                         |    |        | \$ 1,354.15 |

##### *Protection of Persons and Property*

|                   |    |        |           |
|-------------------|----|--------|-----------|
| Police Department | \$ | 88.09  |           |
| Fire Department   |    | 462.96 |           |
| Blister Rust      |    | 200.00 |           |
| Bounties          |    | 55.00  |           |
| Damage by Dogs    |    | 12.17  |           |
|                   |    |        | \$ 818.22 |

##### *Health*

|                  |  |  |      |
|------------------|--|--|------|
| Vital Statistics |  |  | 2.25 |
|------------------|--|--|------|

##### *Highways and Bridges*

|               |  |        |  |
|---------------|--|--------|--|
| Town Road Aid |  | 341.54 |  |
|---------------|--|--------|--|

##### *Town Maintenance:*

|                  |    |          |             |
|------------------|----|----------|-------------|
| Town Maintenance | \$ | 5,040.68 |             |
| Sand             |    | 888.30   |             |
| Snow Removal     |    | 4,061.64 |             |
| Withholding Tax  |    | 118.30   | 10,108.92   |
|                  |    |          | \$10,450.46 |

|           |  |  |       |
|-----------|--|--|-------|
| Libraries |  |  | 90.00 |
|-----------|--|--|-------|

##### *Public Welfare*

|                    |  |  |        |
|--------------------|--|--|--------|
| Old Age Assistance |  |  | 501.92 |
|--------------------|--|--|--------|

##### *Patriotic Purposes*

|              |  |        |        |
|--------------|--|--------|--------|
| Memorial Day |  | 15.00  |        |
| Old Home Day |  | 100.00 |        |
|              |  |        | 115.00 |

##### *Unclassified*

|                                     |  |       |       |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------|-------|
| Advertising & Regional Associations |  | 26.00 |       |
| Refunds:                            |  |       |       |
| Tax Refunds                         |  | 16.40 |       |
|                                     |  |       | 42.40 |

|                                    |  |  |             |
|------------------------------------|--|--|-------------|
| Total Current Maintenance Expenses |  |  | \$13,374.40 |
|------------------------------------|--|--|-------------|

# **Classified Summary of Receipts and Expenditures** **Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1948**

## *Indebtedness*

|                             |                   |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Temporary Loans             | \$13,000.00       |             |
| Interest on Temporary Loans | 171.40            |             |
|                             | <u>          </u> | \$13,171.40 |

## *Payments to Other Governmental Divisions*

|                                     |                   |                    |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| County Tax                          | 1,695.24          |                    |
| School District                     | 5,500.00          |                    |
|                                     | <u>          </u> | \$ 7,195.24        |
| Total Expenditures for All Purposes |                   | <u>\$33,741.04</u> |
| Cash on Hand, December 31, 1948     |                   | 3,088.53           |
| Grand Total                         |                   | <u>\$36,829.57</u> |

**Statement of Trust Funds—Principal and Balance**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1948**

| Name of Fund                          | Income Activity                    |                 |                  |                     |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|
|                                       | Amount of<br>Principal<br>12-31-47 | Income<br>1948  | Expended<br>1948 | Balance<br>12-31-48 |
| <b>22</b> Depository at 2%:           |                                    |                 |                  |                     |
| <i>New Hampshire Savings Bank</i>     |                                    |                 |                  |                     |
| Emerson Cemetery Funds                | \$ 300.00                          | \$ 12.40        | \$ 10.00         | \$ 303.25           |
| Old Home Cemetery Fund                | 500.00                             | 21.70           | 18.00            | 570.33              |
| Whittemore Point Fund                 | 500.00                             | 19.33           | 33.63            | 453.78              |
| <i>Plymouth Guaranty Savings Bank</i> |                                    |                 |                  |                     |
| Webster Cemetery Fund                 | 50.00                              | 1.48            |                  | 24.00               |
| Cross Fund                            | 50.87                              | 2.35            |                  | 26.45               |
| <i>Amoskeag Savings Bank</i>          |                                    |                 |                  |                     |
| John C. Batchelder Fund               | 500.00                             |                 |                  | 54.26               |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>\$ 1,900.87</b>                 | <b>\$ 57.26</b> | <b>\$ 61.63</b>  | <b>\$ 1,432.07</b>  |



## DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

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### Town Officer's Salaries

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Edward G. Mellus Collector   | \$ 150.00 |
| Everett E. Atwood, Selectman | 112.50    |
| Lee E. Horsman, Selectman    | 112.50    |
| Hollis L. Pollard, Selectman | 175.00    |
| Ina M. Atwood, Treasurer     | 50.00     |
| Elizabeth Pollard, Clerk     | 50.00     |
|                              | <hr/>     |
|                              | \$ 650.00 |

### Town Officers' Expenses

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| First National Bank of Bristol           |           |
| Bank Charges                             | \$ 3.42   |
| State Tax Commission, 1947 audit         | 59.37     |
| Wheeler & Clark, Dog Tags and book       | 9.17      |
| Record Print, Town Reports               | 119.88    |
| John C. Ray, Town Officers' Bonds        | 52.50     |
| Charles P. Hardy, Dues Town Clerks Assn. | 2.00      |
| Edson Eastman, Supplies                  | 15.54     |
| F. J. Shores, Transfers                  | 14.33     |
| Anna D. Proctor, Transfer names          | .30       |
| Assn. of N. H. Assessors, Dues           | 2.00      |
| Everett Atwood, Expenses                 | 15.00     |
| Ina M. Atwood, Expenses                  | 2.50      |
| Lee E. Horsman, Expenses                 | 21.60     |
| Hollis Pollard, Expenses                 | 32.84     |
| Ida Horner, Dues Tax Coll. Assn.         | 2.00      |
| Edw. G. Mellus, Expenses                 | 29.33     |
| Elizabeth Pollard, Expenses              | 12.00     |
|  | <hr/>     |
|  | \$ 393.78 |

**Jan. 1, 1948 to March 9, 1948**  
**SNOW REMOVAL — Ashley Burbank, Agent**

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|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Ashley Burbank, Agent                                | \$ 307.45  |
| Ashley Burbank, Truck                                | 265.85     |
| Ashley Burbank, telephone                            | 2.20       |
| Alfred Burbank, Labor                                | 292.10     |
| Harold Beckley, Labor                                | 326.92     |
| George Poirrier, Labor                               | 35.25      |
| G. A. Ober & Son, Gasoline & Oil                     | 73.73      |
| Raymond Willoughby, Labor                            | 6.00       |
| Byron Wiser, Labor                                   | 42.75      |
| David Dickenson, Labor                               | 6.00       |
| Clifford Titus, Oil                                  | 10.30      |
| Del's Garage, Gasoline                               | 2.51       |
| Bartlett & Swett, Gasoline                           | 20.66      |
| Caldon's Service, Repairing Starter<br>and Generator | 22.41      |
| Fracher's Hardware                                   | 30.66      |
| Raymond Gilpatric, Sand                              | 3.00       |
| John Morgan, Labor                                   | 18.00      |
| Pease Motor Sales, Chain tool                        | 5.00       |
| American Express                                     | 1.42       |
| C. A. Westberg, Push Rods                            | 29.10      |
| Deming's Garage, Fan belt                            | 1.85       |
| Hollis Pollard, trip to Laconia                      | 2.80       |
| State of N. H., Fuel tax                             | 14.00      |
| Edward Willoughby, Labor                             | 9.00       |
| Cyr's Welding Shop, Rebuilding grousers              | 140.00     |
| Fred's Auto Service                                  | 5.50       |
| Total  | \$1,674.46 |

### **Election and Registration Expenses**

|                                       |    |        |
|---------------------------------------|----|--------|
| Elmer P. Wiser, 1948 Salary & Expense | \$ | 30.60  |
| Jane M. Cook, Salary & Expense        |    | 42.50  |
| Marietta Gilpatric, Salary & Expense  |    | 45.84  |
| Edw. G. Mellus, Moderator             |    | 15.00  |
| Elmer P. Wiser, 1947 Salary & Expense |    | 18.10  |
|                                       |    | <hr/>  |
|                                       | \$ | 152.04 |

### **Town Hall**

|                                |    |       |
|--------------------------------|----|-------|
| John C. Ray, Insurance on Hall | \$ | 68.50 |
| Harold Huckins                 |    | 10.00 |
| N. H. Elec. Coop.              |    | 18.00 |
|                                |    | <hr/> |
|                                | \$ | 96.50 |

### **Protection of Persons & Property**

#### **Police Department**

|  |    |       |
|--|----|-------|
| Delmore Bucklin, Salary 1947 Police Officer              | \$ | 25.00 |
| Delmore Bucklin, Salary & Expense<br>1948 Police Officer |    | 63.09 |
|  |    | <hr/> |
|  | \$ | 88.09 |

#### **Fire Department**

|                                     |    |        |
|-------------------------------------|----|--------|
| Everett Atwood, Fire Meeting        | \$ | 10.10  |
| Philip Eastman, Fire Pump           |    | 100.00 |
| Everett Atwood, Forest Fire         |    | 23.86  |
| Chas. E. Kenney, Bristol Fire Dept. |    | 284.00 |
| State of N. H., Forest Fire Pumps   |    | 45.00  |
|                                     |    | <hr/>  |
|                                     | \$ | 462.96 |
| State of N. H., Blister Rust        | \$ | 200.00 |

Jan. 1, 1948 to March 9, 1948  
**PLOWING SNOW—Lawrence Morrill, Agent**

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|                                  |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Lawrence Morrill, labor          | \$ 107.80 |
| Lawrence Morrill, truck          | 212.20    |
| Everett Morrill, labor           | 4.50      |
| Harry Smith, labor               | 61.50     |
| Ira Morrill, labor               | 38.70     |
| Bartlett Motor Co.,              |           |
| Installing & welding plow        | 21.00     |
|                                  | 6.73      |
| Straightening plow & iron        | 23.63     |
| Wallace Wattrous, gas for grader | 2.70      |
| Delmore Bucklin                  |           |
| I snow plow iron                 | 1.00      |
| I snow plow iron                 | 1.00      |
|                                  | <hr/>     |
| Total                            | \$ 482.76 |

**March 9, 1948 to Dec. 31, 1948**  
**SNOW REMOVAL—John Jenness, Agent**

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|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| John L. Jenness, truck & labor          | \$ 164.00 |
| Raymond Tucker, truck & labor           | 18.00     |
| Ashley Burbank, truck & labor           | 15.00     |
| Zack Brock, labor                       | 35.00     |
| C. R. Proctor, welding                  | 72.85     |
| C. B. Titus, per bills                  | 54.05     |
| C. A. Gould, per bills                  | 41.52     |
| Joe Carroll, labor on tractor & plowing | 16.00     |
| Clifton Willoughby, labor               | 2.00      |
| A. M. Rand                              | 6.20      |
| Western Auto                            | 1.39      |
| Fracher's Hardware                      | .96       |
| Wilder's Garage                         | 7.60      |
| G. A. Ober & Son                        | 32.30     |
| Harris Brock, labor                     | 8.00      |
| Maurice Jenness, labor                  | 21.00     |
| Lawrence Fogg, labor                    | 5.00      |
| D. A. Bucklin, per bill                 | 3.00      |
| A. M. Flanders, tractor parts           | 78.69     |
| Willey's Express                        | 1.82      |
| Lyon Iron Works                         | 34.32     |
| Wendell Lougee, truck                   | 52.00     |
| Max L. Jenness                          | 8.00      |
| <hr/>                                   |           |
| Total                                   | \$ 678.70 |

**Jan. 1, 1948 to March 9, 1948**  
**WINTER SAND—Ashley Burbank, Agent**

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Ashley Burbank, labor | \$ 51.75  |
| Ashley Burbank, truck | 53.25     |
| Alfred Burbank, labor | 57.75     |
| Harold Beckley, labor | 43.50     |
|                       | <hr/>     |
| Total                 | \$ 206.25 |

**Jan. 1, 1948 to March 9, 1948**  
**SANDING—Lawrence Morrill, Agent**

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|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Lawrence Morrill, labor           | \$ 40.50  |
| Lawrence Morrill, truck           | 39.00     |
| Ira Morrill, labor                | 34.10     |
| Everett Morrill, labor            | 22.20     |
| Harry Smith, labor                | 18.00     |
| Roy Woodward, 27 loads sand @ 15c | 4.05      |
|                                   | <hr/>     |
| Total                             | \$ 157.85 |

**March 9, 1948 to Dec. 31, 1948**  
**SANDING—John Jenness, Agent**

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|                                  |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| John L. Jenness, truck and labor | \$ 140.00 |
| Wendell Lougee, truck and labor  | 115.00    |
| Lawrence Fogg, labor             | 3.00      |
| Maurice Jenness                  | 22.00     |
| Alfred R. Jenness, truck         | 28.00     |
| Ira Morrill, labor               | 24.00     |
| Everett Morrill, labor           | 24.00     |
| Mason Grey, labor                | 23.00     |
| Roy Woodward, sand               | 3.00      |
| Ray Gilpatric, sand              | 20.00     |
| Chase Grain, salt                | 99.20     |
| Max Jenness, labor               | 23.00     |
| <hr/>                            |           |
| Total                            | \$ 524.20 |



**Jan. 1, 1948 to Dec. 31, 1948**  
**Summary of Snow Removal and Sand**

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|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Ray Road Equipment, cutting edges,<br>cable, etc. | \$ 175.58   |
| Donald Atwood, trucking tractor                   | 80.00       |
| Charles A. Carr Co., oil account                  | 27.60       |
| Atwood & Forbes, plowing snow                     | 95.00       |
| Murray Machinery Co., parts for Huber             | 47.04       |
| A. M. Flanders, repairs on plow                   | 635.42      |
| Cyr's Welding Shop, welding plow                  | 145.00      |
| John E. Marsh, tractor insurance                  | 20.08       |
|   | <hr/>       |
| Total paid by Selectmen                           | \$ 1,225.72 |
| Paid Ashley Burbank                               | 1,880.71    |
| Paid Lawrence Morrill                             | 640.61      |
| Paid John Jenness                                 | 1,202.90    |
|   | <hr/>       |
| Total paid for Snow Removal and Sand              | \$ 4,949.94 |

### Summer Roads—Ashley Burbank, Agent

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|                                |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Ashley Burbank, labor          | \$ 6.00        |
| George Poirrier, labor         | 6.00           |
| W. B. Brown, bolts and washers | 1.91           |
| T. Vailliant, bolts            | 1.44           |
| E. E. Atwood, lumber           | 14.70          |
| A. M. Rand, spikes             | .80            |
| Total                          | <hr/> \$ 30.85 |

## SUMMER — WEST SIDE

John L. Jenness, Agent

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|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| John L. Jenness, truck                   | \$ 782.00   |
| Ira Morrill, labor                       | 138.70      |
| Raymond Tucker, truck                    | 18.00       |
| Lawrence Morrill, truck                  | 228.00      |
| Wendell Lougee, truck                    | 34.00       |
| Lawrence Fogg, labor                     | 9.00        |
| Clifton Willoughby, labor                | 54.20       |
| Harry Smith, labor                       | 5.00        |
| Melvin Gilpatric, transportation         | 16.00       |
| Bernard Avery, bridge planks             | 60.00       |
| Roberts Express                          | 12.83       |
| R. P. Cass, labor                        | 4.00        |
| Roy Woodard, sand                        | 13.20       |
| Roy Woodard, tar                         | 18.00       |
| Everett Atwood, plank                    | 8.28        |
| Chase Grain, culverts                    | 71.16       |
| Charles Ross, labor                      | 6.00        |
| Leo Gilpatric                            | 53.40       |
| Max Jenness, labor                       | 211.40      |
| Maurice Jenness, labor                   | 186.00      |
| Mason Grey, labor                        | 16.00       |
| Ray Road Equipment, culverts             | 79.38       |
| Fracher's                                | 2.30        |
| John Thompson                            | 10.00       |
| Western Auto, generator                  | 10.35       |
| Delmore Bucklin, gas, oil, labor & parts | 75.32       |
| Mrs. Morrill, gravel                     | 2.00        |
| Robert Gilpatric, posts                  | 14.40       |
| Rand's                                   | 4.78        |
| C. B. Titus                              | 15.35       |
| Reginald Morrill, labor                  | 35.00       |
| Ralph Gilpatric, labor                   | 142.50      |
| G. A. Ober & Son                         | 29.63       |
| Leslie Martin, labor                     | 61.80       |
| Everett Morrill, labor                   | 22.30       |
| <hr/>                                    |             |
| Total West Side                          | \$ 2,450.28 |

## Summer 1948—East Side

### John L. Jenness, Agent

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|                                |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| John L. Jenness, truck         | \$ 982.00 |
| Everett Morrill, labor         | 45.80     |
| Ira Morrill, labor             | 73.70     |
| Wendell Lougee, truck          | 98.00     |
| F. W. Clement, labor           | 16.00     |
| Maurice Jenness, labor         | 248.64    |
| Max Jenness, labor             | 250.90    |
| Leo Gilpatric, labor           | 58.44     |
| Clifton Willoughby, labor      | 150.48    |
| Creighton Grey, labor          | 8.00      |
| Alfred Jenness, truck          | 6.00      |
| Ralph Gilpatric, labor         | 132.80    |
| George Miller, labor           | 16.00     |
| D. W. Coombs, labor            | 31.00     |
| Leslie Martin, labor           | 94.00     |
| Harold Beckley, labor          | 24.00     |
| G. A. Ober & Son, gas and oil  | 132.59    |
| New Eng. Culvert Co., culverts | 57.60     |
| C. B. Titus                    | 6.60      |
| Fracher's                      | 5.30      |
| Ray Road Equipment, culvert    | 31.08     |
| Western Auto                   | 3.65      |
| Murry Machine Co., hub cap     | .97       |
| Chase Grain, culvert           | 24.14     |
| J. L. Jenness, gravel          | 32.40     |
| Beckley's Garage, labor        | 2.37      |
| Rand's                         | .60       |

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|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Total East Side | \$ 2,533.06 |
|-----------------|-------------|

### Summary of Summer Roads

|                                 |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Paid John L. Jenness, East Side | \$ 2,533.71 |
| Paid John L. Jenness, West Side | 2,450.62    |

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|                                      |             |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Total paid John Jenness              | \$ 4,984.33 |
| Paid John C. Ray, insurance on Huber | 25.50       |
| Paid Ashley Burbank                  | 30.85       |

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|                        |             |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Total for Summer Roads | \$ 5,040.68 |
|------------------------|-------------|

## OLD HOME DAY

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|  |    |        |
|--|----|--------|
| Cash on hand, Aug. 1, 1948             | \$ | 49.45  |
| Received from sales committee, Aug. 26 |    | 71.31  |
|  |    | <hr/>  |
|  | \$ | 120.76 |

### Payments

|   |    |        |
|---|----|--------|
| Philip Spaulding, tuning piano                | \$ | 7.00   |
| Enterprise Print, printing leaflets and cards |    | 28.50  |
| Plymouth Memorial Hospital                    |    | 71.31  |
| Cash on hand                                  |    | 13.95  |
|   |    | <hr/>  |
|   | \$ | 120.76 |

MRS. S. S. FLETCHER,

Treasurer

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES REPORT

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|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Cash on hand              | \$ 167.38 |
| Received: Tax for 3 years | 90.00     |
|                           | <hr/>     |
|                           | \$ 257.38 |

### Payments

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Jessica A. Watrous, care Turnpike station | \$ 10.00  |
| Edna L. LeBeau, care River Road station   | 10.00     |
| Josephine H. Fletcher, care Hill station  | 3.00      |
| Balance on hand                           | 234.38    |
|   | <hr/>     |
|   | \$ 257.38 |

JESSICA A. WATROUS,  
JOSEPHINE H. FLETCHER,  
EDNA L. LeBEAU,  
Trustees

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### January, 1948 to January, 1949

#### Turnpike Station

|                                    |     |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| Town Books                         | 116 |
| Borrowed from Bookmobile           | 163 |
| Borrowed direct from State Library | 24  |
| Loaned                             | 187 |

#### River Road Station

|                          |     |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Town books               | 182 |
| Borrowed from Bookmobile | 167 |
| Loaned                   | 264 |

#### Hill Station

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| For use              | 103 |
| Loaned (open 3 mos.) | 53  |

**DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING  
STATE TAX COMMISSION**

**Concord, New Hampshire**

**February 17, 1949**

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**Certificate of Audit**

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Town of Bridgewater for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1948, and, subject to exceptions as noted in the report, found them to be in good order. In our opinion the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the town, together with the results of operations for the period under review.

Respectfully submitted,

**HAROLD G. FOWLER,**

**Director**

**Division of Municipal Accounting  
State Tax Commission**

Alan R. Matthews, Auditor

Hugh J. Cassidy, Accountant

## REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN

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Your local organization to prevent and extinguish brush and woods fires is glad to report a good year of forest protection in 1948. In spite of danger conditions nearly equalling at times those of 1947 when great losses were suffered in New Hampshire and New England, fire damage and loss this year have been gratifyingly low.

With the continuing cooperation of all the people, we can hope to have another successful year in 1949. Let us remember that in any year, over 90% of all fires are caused by carelessness and that all of these man-caused fires are preventable.

Today, we have more slash and uncut grassland than for many years in the past. Smokers, campers and tourists who use our outdoors are also more numerous than ever before. We must therefore be ready for fires which might occur but, above all, prevention by everyone is the greatest need.

A few simple precautions taken by every citizen will help, as follows:

- (1) Always get a written permit from the warden before kindling a fire outdoors when the ground is not covered with snow.
- (2) If you smoke, always extinguish matches and tobacco before dropping or throwing them down. In automobiles, always use the ash trays.
- (3) Report fires and smokes to the warden without delay.

The observance of these and other simple rules will go far to insure safety from fire damage and your cooperation in this way is earnestly solicited.

### **1948 Fire Record—Town of Bridgewater**

|                               |               |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Number of fires               | 1             |
| Acreage burned                | one-half acre |
| Number of Fire permits issued | 12            |

Respectfully submitted,

**EVERETT E. ATWOOD,**

Forest Fire Warden

George F. Richardson, Jr.  
District Fire Chief



# ***School Report***

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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To the Inhabitants of the School District in the town of Bridgewater, N. H., qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Grange Hall in said district on the 8th day of March, 1949, at one o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see if the district will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the school board in its annual report.
9. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Bridgewater this  
10th day of February, 1949.

DAVID B. DICKINSON,  
BERTRAM L. FORBES,  
ELIZABETH P. POLLARD,  
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

DAVID B. DICKINSON,  
BERTRAM L. FORBES,  
ELIZABETH P. POLLARD,  
School Board

**REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SCHOOL DIRECTORY**

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**District Officers**

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| Edward G. Mellus | Moderator |
| Alice Dickinson  | Treasurer |
| Evelyn Gale      | Clerk     |
| Edward G. Mellus | Auditor   |

**School Board**

|                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| David Dickinson   | Term expires 1949 |
| Bertram Forbes    | Term expires 1950 |
| Elizabeth Pollard | Term expires 1951 |

**Teacher**

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Mrs. Winona Brown | River Road |
|-------------------|------------|

**Attendance Officer**

Mrs. Clara Jenness

**Superintendent of Schools**

C. Maurice Gray

**School Nurse**

Mrs. Phyllis Robertson, R.N.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

1949-50

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|       |         |
|-------|---------|
| Open  | Sept. 6 |
| Close | Dec. 23 |
| Open  | Jan. 3  |
| Close | Feb. 17 |
| Open  | Feb. 27 |
| Close | Apr. 14 |
| Open  | Apr. 24 |
| Close | June 15 |

Days out: Plymouth Fair; Oct. 12; Nov. 24, 25; May 30. Single sessions Nov. 23, Dec. 23.

Total number of days required by State Board is 180 including 3 for institutes and conventions, and up to 5 for workshops.

Pupils may enter the first grade provided they are 6 before January 1.

Vaccination is required by State law unless child has written excuse from doctor.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**of**  
**School Treasurer & School Board**  
**For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1948**

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**Treasurer's Report**

Summary:

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Cash on hand June 30, 1947               | \$ 144.74   |
| Received from Selectmen, appropriation   | 4,800.00    |
| Received from State Treasurer, State Aid | 365.79      |
| Received from all other sources          | 26.05       |
|  | <hr/>       |
| Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year   | \$ 5,336.58 |
| Less School Board Order Paid             | 5,259.19    |
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| Balance on Hand as of June 30, 1948      | \$ 77.39    |

ALICE B. DICKINSON,  
Treasurer

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**AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE**

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This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statement and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Bridgewater, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948 and find them correct in all respects.

EDWARD G. MELLUS,  
Auditor

## SCHOOL BOARD'S REPORT

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### Receipts:

|                                 |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| From Selectmen, Appropriation   | \$ 4,800.00 |
| From State Treasurer, State Aid | 365.79      |
| From all other sources          | 26.05       |
|                                 | <hr/>       |
| Total Receipts                  | \$ 5,191.84 |
| Cash on hand June 30, 1947      | 144.74      |
|                                 | <hr/>       |
| Grand Total                     | \$ 5,336.58 |

## Detailed Statement of Payments

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### Salaries of District Officers:

|  |           |  |
|--|-----------|--|
| Elizabeth Pollard, school board salary | \$ 40.00  |  |
| David Dickinson, school board salary   | 25.00     |  |
| Bertram Forbes, school board salary    | 25.00     |  |
| Alice B. Dickinson, treasurer's salary | 15.00     |  |
| Edward Mellus, auditor                 | 3.00      |  |
|  | \$ 108.00 |  |

### Superintendent's Salary:

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Mrs. Estelle Greenwood, Treas. Supt. Union No. 4 | 124.70 |
|--|--------|

### Truant Officer & School Census:

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Clara B. Jenness | 15.00 |
|------------------|-------|

### Expenses of Administration:

|  |           |  |
|--|-----------|--|
| Musgrove Printing House, printing, notices               | 11.10     |  |
| Meredith News, notices                                   | 4.20      |  |
| David Dickinson, expenses                                | .60       |  |
| Elizabeth Pollard, expenses                              | 6.60      |  |
| Alice B. Dickinson, expenses                             | 2.56      |  |
| First National Bank, service charges                     | 4.84      |  |
| Supervisory Union No. 4, per teacher tax, clerk's salary | 50.00     |  |
| John C. Ray, Treasurer's bond                            | 5.00      |  |
| The Record Print, school reports                         | 35.87     |  |
| Bertram Forbes, mileage to Canaan                        | 5.88      |  |
|  | \$ 126.65 |  |

### Teacher's Salary:

|                               |             |  |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--|
| Carrie Tibbetts               | \$ 1,508.80 |  |
| Teachers' Retirement Board    | 68.00       |  |
| Collector of Internal Revenue | 123.20      |  |
|                               | \$ 1,700.00 |  |



**Text Books:**

|                                |    |       |       |
|--------------------------------|----|-------|-------|
| Houghton Mifflin Co.           | \$ | 19.21 |       |
| American Book Co.              |    | .89   |       |
| American Education Press, Inc. |    | 5.80  |       |
| Row, Peterson & Co.            |    | .99   |       |
| Charles E. Merrill Co., Inc.   |    | 2.59  |       |
| Ginn & Co.                     |    | 7.38  |       |
| The Grolier Society, Inc.      |    | 6.08  |       |
| Allyn & Bacon                  |    | 6.54  |       |
|                                |    | <hr/> |       |
|                                | \$ |       | 49.48 |

**Scholars' Supplies:**

|                                |    |       |       |
|--------------------------------|----|-------|-------|
| J. L. Hammett Co.              | \$ | 21.39 |       |
| Bristol School District        |    | 2.35  |       |
| Houghton Mifflin Co.           |    | .45   |       |
| Supervisory Union No. 4, tests |    | 3.64  |       |
|                                |    | <hr/> |       |
|                                | \$ |       | 27.83 |

**Other Expenses of Instruction:**

|                                     |    |       |        |
|-------------------------------------|----|-------|--------|
| Stephen Childs,<br>music supervisor | \$ | 96.00 |        |
| Teachers' Retirement Board          |    | 4.00  |        |
|                                     |    | <hr/> |        |
|                                     | \$ |       | 100.00 |

**Janitor Service:**

|                 |    |       |
|-----------------|----|-------|
| Carrie Tibbetts | \$ | 25.00 |
|-----------------|----|-------|

**Fuel:**

|                       |    |        |
|-----------------------|----|--------|
| Socony-Vacuum Oil Co. | \$ | 244.62 |
|-----------------------|----|--------|

**Water, Light & Janitor Supplies:**

|  |    |       |       |
|--|----|-------|-------|
| Oliver Lapointe, draining<br>septic tank | \$ | 9.57  |       |
| Edward E. Babb Co., supplies             |    | 8.15  |       |
| White River Paper Co., supplies          |    | 19.70 |       |
|  |    | <hr/> |       |
|  | \$ |       | 37.42 |

**Minor Repairs and Expenses:**

|                                     |    |      |
|-------------------------------------|----|------|
| Stephen Childs, tuning piano        | \$ | 3.50 |
| Farmers' Grain Store,<br>one window |    | 7.11 |
| David Dickinson, expenses           |    | 1.25 |

|   |             |                   |                                  |
|---|-------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| William Timson, gravel                        | 6.30        |                   |                                  |
| Cascade Paper Co.,<br>flagstaff holder        | .88         |                   |                                  |
| Paul Torsey, trucking desks                   | 4.00        |                   |                                  |
| Albert Blake, filter changes                  | 9.63        |                   |                                  |
|   |             | <u>          </u> | \$ 32.67                         |
| <b>Medical Inspection:</b>                    |             |                   |                                  |
| Anna Lovett, R.N.                             | \$ 44.45    |                   |                                  |
| Teachers' Retirement                          | 1.85        |                   |                                  |
|   |             | <u>          </u> | \$ 46.30                         |
| <b>Transportation of Pupils:</b>              |             |                   |                                  |
| John Jenness                                  | \$ 1,204.00 |                   |                                  |
| Mabel Huckins                                 | 561.44      |                   |                                  |
|   |             | <u>          </u> | \$ 1,765.44                      |
| <b>High School Tuition:</b>                   |             |                   |                                  |
| Plymouth School District                      | \$ 431.14   |                   |                                  |
| Ashland School District                       | 42.94       |                   |                                  |
|   |             | <u>          </u> | \$ 474.08                        |
| <b>Elementary School Tuition:</b>             |             |                   |                                  |
| Bristol School District                       |             |                   | 200.00                           |
| <b>Insurance &amp; Other Fixed Charges:</b>   |             |                   |                                  |
| John C. Ray, insurance                        | \$ 30.00    |                   |                                  |
| Supervisory Union No. 4,<br>Sup't. retirement | 8.00        |                   |                                  |
|   |             | <u>          </u> | \$ 38.00                         |
| <b>Per Capita Tax:</b>                        |             |                   |                                  |
| F. Gordon Kimball, Treas.                     |             |                   | 44.00                            |
| <b>Alterations of Old Buildings:</b>          |             |                   |                                  |
| Albert Blake, final payment on oil burner     |             |                   | 100.00                           |
| Total Expenses                                |             |                   | <u>          </u><br>\$ 4,785.11 |

## **CERTIFICATE**

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This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

DAVID DICKINSON,  
BERTRAM FORBES,  
ELIZABETH POLLARD,

School Board

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### **Auditor's Certificate**

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This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Bridgewater, of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

EDWARD G. MELLUS,  
Auditor

## COMPARATIVE BUDGETS

|                                   | 1947-48<br>Budget | 1947-48<br>Spent | 1948-49<br>Budget | 1949-50<br>Estimate |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Salaries of district officers     | \$ 111.00         | \$ 115.50        | \$ 77.50          | \$ 80.50            |
| Superintendent's salary           | 120.00            | 124.70           | 150.00            | 170.00              |
| Truant Officer and Census         | 7.50              | 7.50             | 15.00             | 15.00               |
| Expenses of administration        | 100.00            | 126.65           | 105.00            | 105.00              |
| Teachers' salaries                | 1,800.00          | 1,700.00         | 1,900.00          | 2,000.00            |
| Text Books                        | 40.00             | 49.48            | 40.00             | 40.00               |
| Scholars' supplies                | 60.00             | 27.83            | 75.00             | 75.00               |
| Other expenses of instruction     | 100.00            | 100.00           | 100.00            | 100.00              |
| Janitor service                   | 25.00             | 25.00            | 25.00             | 25.00               |
| Fuel                              | 200.00            | 244.62           | 225.00            | 225.00              |
| Water, light & Janitor supplies   | 35.00             | 37.42            | 100.00            | 75.00               |
| Minor repairs & expenses          | 50.00             | 32.67            | 125.00            | 75.00               |
| Medical supervision               | 60.00             | 46.30            | 60.00             | 75.00               |
| Transportation of pupils          | 1,512.00          | 1,765.44         | 1,850.00          | 2,000.00            |
| High School Tuition               | 680.00            | 474.08           | 450.00            | 1,600.00            |
| Elementary school tuition         | 260.00            | 200.00           | 300.00            | 320.00              |
| Other special activities          | 5.00              |                  | 5.00              | 5.00                |
| Per Capita Tax                    | 44.00             | 44.00            | 68.00             | 52.00               |
| Insurance and other fixed charges | 114.00            | 38.00            | 85.00             | 30.00               |
| Teacher, Nurse, Supt., retirement |                   |                  | 96.38             | 108.50              |
| Alteration of buildings           |                   | 100.00           |                   |                     |
| New equipment                     | 10.00             |                  | 20.00             | 20.00               |
| Totals                            | \$ 5,333.50       | \$ 5,259.19      | \$ 5,871.88       | \$ 7,196.00         |

## SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1949-50

### Detailed Statement of Expenditures

#### Support of Schools:

|                                 |             |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Teacher's Salaries              | \$ 2,000.00 |             |
| Text Books                      | 40.00       |             |
| Scholars' Supplies              | 75.00       |             |
| Other Expenses of Instruction   | 100.00      |             |
| Janitor Service                 | 25.00       |             |
| Fuel                            | 225.00      |             |
| Water, Light & Janitor Supplies | 75.00       |             |
| Minor Repairs & Expenses        | 75.00       |             |
| Medical Supervision             | 75.00       |             |
| Transportation of Pupils        | 2,000.00    |             |
| Payment of Elementary Tuitions  | 320.00      |             |
| Other Special Activities        | 5.00        |             |
|                                 |             | <hr/>       |
|                                 |             | \$ 5,015.00 |

#### Other Statutory Requirements:

|                                |          |             |
|--------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Salaries of District Officers  | \$ 80.50 |             |
| Truant Officer & School Census | 15.00    |             |
| Payment of High School         |          |             |
| Tuitions                       | 1,600.00 |             |
| Superintendent's Salary        | 170.00   |             |
| Per Capita Tax                 | 52.00    |             |
| Other Obligations              | 263.50   |             |
|                                |          | <hr/>       |
|                                |          | \$ 2,181.00 |

|                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Total Amount Required to Meet |             |
| School Board's Budget         | \$ 7,196.00 |

#### Estimated Income of District

|                         |           |       |
|-------------------------|-----------|-------|
| Balance June 30, 1949   | \$ 300.00 |       |
| Dog Tax                 | 90.00     |       |
|                         |           | <hr/> |
| Deduct Estimated Income | \$ 390.00 |       |

|                                |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Assessment Required to Balance |             |
| School Board's Budget          | \$ 6,806.00 |

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## GENERAL STATISTICS

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### Enrollment by Grades

| Grade   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | Total |
|---------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------|
| 1947-48 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 14    |
| 1948-49 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 13    |

### District Totals

|         | Av.<br>Attend. | Av.<br>Abs. | Av.<br>Memb. | %<br>Attend. |
|---------|----------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1947-48 | 12.68          | .74         | 13.42        | 94.49        |
| 1948-49 | 13.7           | .2          | 13.9         | 98.5         |

### Tuition Pupils

Bristol Elementary—Rate \$50.00

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| Elizabeth Miller   | Grade 1 |
| Paul Morrill       | 2       |
| Marcia Jane Fowler | 3       |
| Robert Cook        | 6       |
| Nancy Brock        | 8       |
| Shirley Brock      | 8       |

Plymouth High School—Rate \$130.00

|                  |    |
|------------------|----|
| John Foster      | 9  |
| Roger Kramer     | 10 |
| Elizabeth Forbes | 11 |
| Leo Gilpatric    | 11 |
| Maurice Jenness  | 12 |

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**1948-1949**

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**Teacher Training.** During the past two years considerable work has been done by the teachers to improve their teaching. Two elementary workshops under the supervision of the State Board of Education have been held. One of these was in the field of social studies and the last one on art. These were very well conducted by the state staffs and the response of the teachers was very fine. The first one of these "broke the ice" and the desire of the teachers to do more for their pupils then took the form of taking extension courses during the winter, and summer courses later, and again this winter by more extension courses with teachers in Canaan traveling to Tilton once a week to attend a course sponsored by Plymouth Teachers' College. It has been impossible for all teachers to take summer or extension courses because of varying circumstances but the general response has been encouraging. It is hoped that this trend will continue and increase in participation as the good results are discussed by teachers themselves. Bridgewater and Danbury school boards have paid part of the costs of summer sessions. This is an increasing tendency particularly where no salary schedule exists which often makes salary increases based in part on extra study. Bristol joined with Tilton and Belmont in a high school workshop which was most challenging and thought provoking but was of such a nature that time is needed to properly evaluate the content and to make haste slowly in curriculum revision and methods of teaching. The greatest value of all of these devices has been to renew the individual's desire to learn more about teaching and youngsters so that each pupil may be better taught. It might not be wrong here to point out that the higher level of pay of teachers may be in part a contributing factor of self-improvement.

**Critical Shortage of Elementary Teachers.** Much has been written on local, state, and national levels on the critical shortage of elementary teachers. It is not a

local problem but a national one due to become more acute as the pre-school youngsters pour into the elementary schools requiring many more teachers in this field. To be perfectly frank about the whole thing anyone belittling this situation is ill informed to say the least. Often there are good teachers living in an area who will or can not teach for one reason or another. For all practical purposes they don't exist. There are always some on the spring lists of teachers who are looking for a job every year. Perhaps the best indication of the shortage is the fact that a city superintendent will write in to a teachers' college and offer to take sight unseen the whole graduating class. It is my firm belief that teachers well qualified with either successful teaching experience or bright prospects of the same will remain in critical supply for 10-15 years at least, and this in spite of the fact that school men throughout the nation are devoting much thought and time to easing the situation.

**Increasing Costs.** A 10% increase in costs of supplies, books, etc., seems to be the general opinion. This might well include fuel, telephone rates, etc. It is difficult to see how these costs will drop and level off in the near future. Structural costs are out of sight and will remain there as long as defense and housing demands remain as much in demand as at present. Departments of Labor cost of living indexes show about 16% rise in the last two years with only slight drops in some items during the past few months.

**The Tax Burden.** The property tax still bears the heavy part of all costs on the local levels including school and town expenses. In spite of conservative evaluations the property tax is a major item, and is bearing a load all out of proportion to its capacity. New Hampshire tax laws need careful study and revision to not only relieve the property tax but to absorb increased costs of items over which we locally have no control. When we see and hear the need of new buildings, when we know that there will literally be millions more in our schools soon we begin to raise our eyebrows less at the thought of more state and fed-



eral aid, both branches of government having sources of tax monies not taxable at the local level. The consumer will pay in the end but all people do not consume the same things, and much wealth in the U. S. may be found which is not real estate. The tax problem will be one we should all follow in the legislature which will be in session by the time this is in print.

**Tuition Charges.** There seems to be a general misunderstanding of tuition charges and since all towns are either on the receiving or paying end of this proposition it would seem well to explain some phases of this. A school district may charge a high school tuition up to its average cost of instruction provided this cost is lower than the state average. In case its costs are greater it may charge the state average. In figuring the costs either locally or on the state level four items in the budget are counted: 1) Teachers' Salaries; 2) Text Books; 3) Scholars' Supplies; 4) Other Expenses of Instruction. The total of these costs divided by the average membership for the same year gives the cost of instruction. In past years most places have charged a figure well under this. However, with increasing costs in these items there is a strong trend throughout the state to charge the actual amount spent especially now that state aid is mostly based on equalized evaluation of property. Obviously there are other costs such as heat, lights, janitor service, minor repairs and expenses, other special activities, insurance, new equipment and alterations of old buildings, which are a part of overall costs. On a contractual basis a school district might charge another district a per pupil charge for these items. Few districts do so however. It should be pointed out that this era may be slowly drawing to a close especially where new building construction is contemplated either to take care of increased enrollments, or to offer a better educational program. Building costs are so prohibitive that few, if any, of the districts maintaining high schools can build on any basis other than charging a rate to cover everything including capital improvements and interest, or on a cooperative basis with other towns taking advantage of present or future laws.

**State Legislation.** There will be bills introduced in the general court which will have far reaching effects in N. H. whether or not they become laws. At this point all we can do is suggest that they get our best study and considered action. This is our legislature and "We Are The People."

Respectfully submitted,

C. MAURICE GRAY, Supt.



